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TITLE PROMOTING ENDURING PEACE, aka Foundation for Promoting Peace Promoting Enduring Peace, Inc.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Informant reports that JEROME DWIGHT DAVIS continues to be dominant figure of PROMOTING ENDURING PEACE, INC. (PEP), 489 Ocean Ave., West Haven, Conn., and that PEP continues to receive and disseminate peace literature. Letterhead of PEP reflects Rev. PHILIP T. ELLIOTT, Mrs. RUTH BRYAN ROHDE, and Rev. LOYD F. WORLEY added to National Advisory Board of PEP. Information indicating Communist front affiliation of officers set out. No record of incorporation of PEP located. Information regarding distribution of literature, Federal tax exempt status of PEP, and miscellaneous data set out in details of report.

AGENCY ICC State
REQ. REC'D 6-4-57
REP'T FORW. 6-26-57
BY mpb cel

Letter Review Service
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DETAILS:

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REQ. REC'D 5-28-57
REP'T FORW. 6-13-57
BY ajf cel

AGENCY RACIA G-2, ONI, OSI
REQ. REC'D 3-28-55
DATE FORW. R.S.
HOW FORW. By Gw, Sm

For the sake of brevity PROMOTING ENDURING PEACE, INC. will be referred to throughout this report as PEP.

All confidential informants utilized herein are of known reliability unless otherwise indicated.

1. GENERAL ACTIVITIES OF PEP

On March 8, 1955, Confidential Informant T-1 advised that JEROME DWIGHT DAVIS continues to be the dominant figure of PEP, 489 Ocean Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut, and that the organization continues to receive and disseminate quantities of peace literature from the latter address which is the residence of DAVIS.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
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Confidential Informant T-2 advised on June 26, 1950 that ~~JEROME DAVIS~~ was a concealed member of the Communist Party in the 1930's. *6-26-50 T-2*

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

2. OFFICERS OF PEP

On May 13, 1954, Confidential Informant T-3, of unknown reliability but [redacted] furnished a letter dated May 2, 1954 at 919 18th Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee, written on the letterhead of PEP and signed JEROME DAVIS. The letterhead reflects the following names under "National Advisory Board" which have not previously been reported:

Rev. PHILIP T. ~~ELLIOTT~~, Brooklyn, New York

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Mrs. RUTH BRYAN ~~ROHDE~~, New York City

✓ Rev. LOYD F. WORLEY, Hartford, Connecticut

3. COMMUNIST PARTY FRONT GROUP AFFILIATION OF NATIONAL BOARD MEMBERS OF PEP

It was previously reported that on March 10, 1954, Confidential Informant T-4 provided a letterhead of PEP dated February 21, 1954 reflecting that the following were members of the National Advisory Board of PEP:

✓ Prof. S. RALPH HARLOW, Smith College

✓ Dr. ALEXANDER MEIKLEJOHN, Berkeley, California

Prof. S. RALPH HARLOW

Confidential Informant T-5 advised that Professor S. RALPH HARLOW was Professor of Religion and Biblical History at Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, from 1923 to 1953 at the time of his retirement. He resides with [redacted] Massachusetts. The informant estimated Professor HARLOW to be 70 years of age. He said that HARLOW is the son of the late Rev. WILLIAM A. HARLOW of Lynn, Massachusetts, that [redacted]

According to the informant, HARLOW [redacted] spent the year 1953-1954 in Greece where Professor HARLOW did some lecturing and teaching at Pierce College.

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He said that the HARLOW'S returned to Northampton in August 1954 and since August Professor HARLOW has been accepting speaking engagements before fraternal and religious groups.

According to Confidential Informant T-6, Professor S. RALPH HARLOW, Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, in 1944 appealed to former Governor THOMAS E. DEWEY, State of New York, for executive clemency in behalf of MORRIS U. SCHAPPES. According to the informant, Professor HARLOW appealed to Governor DEWEY for executive clemency in behalf of SCHAPPES for both himself, individually, and also as Chairman of the Department of Religion, Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts.

MORRIS U. SCHAPPES was a Professor of the City College of New York and a self-admitted former member of the Communist Party. In 1941 in connection with the Rapp-Coudert Committee investigation of Communist activities in New York schools SCHAPPES was convicted of perjury. SCHAPPES' case was appealed and the U. S. Supreme Court on November 22, 1943 refused to review the case. Accordingly in 1943 SCHAPPES began to serve his sentence in Sing Sing Prison.

Dr. ALEXANDER MEIKLEJOHN

The records of the University of California reflect that ALEXANDER MEIKLEJOHN was born February 3, 1872 at Rochdale, England, and resides at 1525 LaLoma Avenue, Berkeley, California. He was 83 years old February 3, 1955 and is retired Professor Emeritus, University of California, Berkeley Law School. The records reflect that MEIKLEJOHN was formerly President of Amhurst College and is one of the outstanding and respected former professors of the University of California in Berkeley.

On April 1, 1942 Confidential Informant T-7 made available a copy of the following invitation:

"Dr. Alexander Meiklejohn and Dr. Frank ~~Weymouth~~ ^{Callahan} request your attendance at a reception for Anita Whitney under the sponsorship of the Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder. It is to be held on Sunday, March 22, from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M., at 2661 LaConte Avenue, Berkeley."

Confidential Informant T-7 advised this was a meeting of faculty and students of a decided "red tinge".

The Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Rev. LOYD F. WORLEY

On April 22, 1954, Confidential Informant T-8 advised that one [redacted] resided at [redacted] Connecticut, and was Minister of the [redacted] Connecticut. *W.Y.*

Confidential Informant T-9 made available a Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSA) letter to its members dated September 26, 1952. This letter reflects that [redacted] Connecticut, was at that time [redacted]. *W.Y.*

The September 30, 1953 issue of the "Denver Post", a daily newspaper published at Denver, Colorado, contained an article captioned "Methodists Mull Financing of Social Action Program," which article reflected that LOYD WORLEY of Hartford, Connecticut, was President of the MFSA.

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The MFSA has been cited as "among the more conspicuous fronts for Communist activity in the field of relief, assistance, and welfare work, and dealing with the problems of the unemployed and underprivileged" by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report 1948, pages 73 and 246.

On April 14, 1953, Confidential Informant T-10 made available a list of sponsors of the Connecticut Peace Council who contribute to the Connecticut Peace Council but who, according to [redacted] will not come out in the open. Included in this list of sponsors was the name [redacted]

Confidential Informant T-14 has advised that the Connecticut Peace Council is dominated and controlled by the Communist Party.

[redacted] has been publicly known as [redacted]
[redacted]

On January 5, 1955, Confidential Informant T-13 advised that [redacted] attended the National Conference for the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born held in New York City on December 11, 12, 13, 1954 at the Yugoslav Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City, New York.

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

4. INCORPORATION OF PEP

On January 1954 [] Incorporation Division, Secretary of State, Hartford, Connecticut, advised Special Agent [] that she could locate no record indicating that PEP had been incorporated under the following names:

PROMOTING ENDURING PEACE
FOUNDATION FOR PROMOTING PEACE
PROMOTING ENDURING PEACE, INC.

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On January 3, 1955, [] Town Clerk, West Haven, Connecticut, advised that he could locate no record of the incorporation of PEP and could also locate no information regarding its tax status.

5. DISSEMINATION OF LITERATURE

On January 18, 1955, Confidential Informant T-13 advised that Mr [] JEROME DAVIS had said that literature for PEP was not printed at 489 Ocean Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut. The DAVISES also indicated that most of PEP'S literature is distributed through churches and that over 100,000 copies of a card bearing the following writing at the border had been distributed:

"Seek Peace"
"And Do Good Ps. 34:14"
"And Pursue It"
"Depart From Evil"

On January 18, 1955, Confidential Informant T-13 provided a twelve page pamphlet; a publication of PEP, 489 Ocean Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut, entitled "The Illusion of Security" by GEORGE F. ~~KENNAN~~. The pamphlet reflects the contents to be a speech presented before an unidentified graduating class.

KENNAN spoke of two matters which cause him anxiety; the first relating to foreign affairs; and the second to our internal situation.

Regarding the first anxiety KENNAN said he has never taken an alarmist view of the nature of our conflict with Soviet power. Yet, in recent months he said he had witnessed with increasing dismay what seemed to be the progressive neglect or rejection, or disappearance of the more hopeful possibilities for making progress in this problem by peaceful means. He indicated that many people in our country have been pressed relentlessly into states of mind where they can see no solution to these difficulties at all, and even no end to them, except in the horrors of atomic war.

KENNAN emphasized that today it is subjective factors - factors relating to the state of mind of many of our own people - rather than external circumstances, that seem to constitute the most alarming component of our situation. He said "It is such things as the lack of flexibility in outlook, the stubborn complacency about ourselves and our society, the frequent compulsion to extremism, the persistent demand for absolute solutions, the unwillingness to accept the normal long-term hazards and inconveniences of great power -- it is these things in the American character that give added gravity to a situation which would in any case be grave enough...."

Of the second anxiety KENNAN indicated that we have witnessed the spectacle of many millions of Americans unable to put in its place and to assess with any degree of balance and equanimity the time-honored and unexceptional phenomenon of foreign political activity, intrigue, and espionage in our midst - a phenomenon which no great power has ever been spared throughout the course of human history, and from which surely no other great power is immune today. He said that under the sign of this weakness we have seen our public life debauched, faith in distinguished fellow citizens systematically undermined and private philanthropic foundations recklessly attacked.

KENNAN wondered if an appreciable portion of our difficulty has not been a philosophic error to which Americans are prone - the peculiar form of American extremism which holds it possible that there should be such a thing as total security and attaches overriding importance to it. He said a foreign policy aimed at the achievement of total security is entirely capable of bringing this country to a point where it will have no security at all. He said "... a ruthless, reckless insistence on attempting to stamp out everything that could conceivably constitute a reflection of improper foreign influence in our national life, regardless of the actual damage it is doing or the cost of eliminating it, in terms of other American values...could reduce us all to a point where the independence we are seeking to defend would be meaningless to ourselves, for we would be doing things to ourselves as vicious and tyrannical as any that might be brought to us from outside."

KENNAN indicated that the heart of our problem lies in our assessment of the relative importance of the various dangers among which we move; and until we can understand that what we have to do is not secure a total absence of danger but to balance peril against peril and to find the tolerable degree of each, we shall not wholly emerge from these confusions.

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On January 26, 1955 [redacted]

[redacted] made available to the New Haven Office a pamphlet entitled, "Human Rights Day". She advised this pamphlet had been distributed at the YMCA, New Haven, Connecticut, during the first part of January 1955. This leaflet sets out the universal declaration of human rights proclaimed by the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 10, 1948 and the ten original amendments of the Constitution. The pamphlet reflects the following statement:

"You are an American. Freedom is your heritage.
Of what reason is there to concern yourself with
universal human rights?

"The reason is peace."

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The leaflet reflects that for additional information write to the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO, Washington 25, D. C. On the back of the leaflet appears the following:

"PROMOTING ENDURING PEACE, INC.
489 Ocean Avenue
West Haven, Connecticut"

6. FINANCIAL STATUS OF PEP

A letter dated May 2, 1954 over the signature of JEROME DAVIS on the letterhead of PEP and provided by Confidential Informant T-3 on May 13, 1954 reflects the following statement:

"We have been granted official tax exemption by the U. S. Government so every dollar you give to us you can take tax deductions in your income returns. Wont you therefore give us a generous donation to help us in this work?"

7. MISCELLANEOUS

On February 11, 1955 [redacted] U. S. Public Health Service, Savannah, Georgia, advised of the receipt of a letter from Dr. JEROME DAVIS written on the letterhead stationery of PEP. The letter requested information and copies of research papers concerning the affects of DDT in food on the human body. [redacted] advised that the letter appeared to be written by a layman rather than a doctor inasmuch as doctor was spelled out. medical terms were misspelled and the letter was written in poor English. [redacted] stated that it was not uncommon for inquiries to be received concerning the affect of DDT on humans but that this particular letter

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appeared to poorly disguise a request for information which could be used by research groups in foreign countries. He said that information of a general nature would be forwarded to DAVIS but not the research letters that were requested.

On March 8, 1955, Confidential Informant T-1 advised that the following correspondence had been sent to [REDACTED]

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<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Postmarked</u>
Readers Press 489 Ocean Avenue West Haven, Connecticut	H. R. HUNTINGTON COMPANY 29 Worthington Street Springfield 3, Massachusetts	3-7-55 Springfield, Mass.
"	Book Center Howard & Reese Inc. 491 South Broadway Los Angeles, California	3-4-55 Los Angeles, Calif.

The latter, a postcard, contained a request to send one copy - Davis - "Character Assassination".

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One copy each of this report is being designated for ONI, New York, G-2, New York, and OSI, New York and Westover Field to fulfil the Bureau's responsibilities under the Delimitations Agreement.

INFORMANTS

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity And/or Description of Information</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Agent to whom Furnished</u>	<u>File Number where Located</u>
T-1 <div></div>	General activities of PEP Correspondence to "Readers Press" at address of PEP	3-8-55 "	WILLIAM M. PAKER (O) "	Instant report " b6 b7C b7D
T-2 <div></div>	Used to characterize JEROME D. DAVIS			
T-3 <div></div>	Letterhead of PEP dated 5/2/54 Tax Status of PEP "	5-13-54	<div></div> " "	
T-4 <div></div>	Letterhead of PEP dated 2/21/54	3-10-54	<div></div>	
T-5 <div></div>	S. RALPH HARLOW	1-10-55	ISAIAH T. WOODBURY	100-12615-192

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T-6 [redacted]	S. RALPH HARLOW'S appeal	1944	Agent of Albany Office	[redacted]
T-7 SF-3	As reported in the report of SA GEORGE VINCENT SCHNEIDER, dated 9/15/43 at San Francisco entitled "PROFESSOR ALEXANDER WRIGHT MEIKLEJOH, SM-C".			100-12615-197 b6 b7C b7D
T-8 Pretext telephone call	[redacted]	4-22-55	WILLIAM S. OVITT	100-14897-9
T-9	Methodist Federation for Social Action letter provided to NY Confidential Mail Box and contained in NY 100-90602-1B71.			
T-10 [redacted]	[redacted]	4-14-53	EDWARD R. WHALEN	[redacted]
T-11 [redacted]	Used to characterize [redacted]			
T-12 [redacted]	ACFPB meeting attended by IOYD WORLEY 12/54	1-5-55	MICHAEL R. CARRANO (w)	[redacted] [redacted]
T-13 [redacted]	Literature of PEP	1-18-55	WILLIAM M. PARKER (o)	Instant report
	Pamphlet "The Illusion of Security"	"	WILLIAM M. PARKER	[redacted]
Anonymity requested.				
T-14 [redacted]	Used to document the Connecticut Peace Council			

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LEADS

NEW YORK DIVISION

AT NEW YORK CITY

Will provide background information and documented information regarding subversive activities or contacts of Mrs. RUTH BRYAN ROHDE, New York City, who is listed as a member of the National Advisory Board of PEP.

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AT BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Will provide background information and documented information regarding subversive activities or contacts of [REDACTED] New York, who is listed as a member of the National Advisory Board of PEP.

NEW HAVEN DIVISION

AT NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

Will continue to follow and report the activities of PEP.

REFERENCE: Report of SA WILLIAM M. PARKER, dated 12/7/54 at New Haven, Connecticut.

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cc - Mr. Williams

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Date: March 31, 1955

To: Mr. T. Coleman Andrews,
Commissioner,
Internal Revenue Service
Treasury Department
Washington 25, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
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Subject: PROMOTING ENDURING PEACE
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Declassification
DATE 2/17/78 PM-3

Reference is made to my letter dated August 27, 1954, with which you were furnished a copy of the report of Special Agent William M. Parker dated August 10, 1954, concerning the captioned organization.

On page eight of that report data was set out regarding an attempt on the part of this organization in January, 1954, to obtain a tax-exempt status.

Information has been received that in a letter dated May 2, 1954, under the signature of Jerome Davis on the letter-head of the captioned organization, the following statement was made: "We have been granted official tax-exemption by the United States Government; so every dollar you give to us you can take tax deductions in your income returns. Won't you, therefore, give us a generous donation to help us in this work?"

Jerome Dwight Davis is the dominating figure of the captioned organization and was identified in the report of Special Agent Parker furnished you previously.

The above is being furnished you for your information. Any additional data received regarding the tax-exempt status of this organization will be furnished your promptly.

CFW:prh (5)

BY COURIER SVC.

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NOTE ON YELLOW: Investigation of this organization reveals it was organized in 1949 and to has as its primary objective the dissemination of literature favorable to Russia and in opposition to the U.S. foreign policy. A reliable, confidential informant has identified Jerome Davis as a concealed member of the CP. In the referenced letter the Internal Revenue Service was furnished this information concerning the captioned organization.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

June 1, 1955

SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-11730)

FOUNDATION FOR PROMOTING ENDURING PEACE
THUMBNAIL SKETCH
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re SAC Letter 54-22 (K) dated April 27, 1954.

WILLIAM J. CONLAN, Acting Superintendent, U. S. Post Office, West Haven, Connecticut, has advised on May 13, 1954, and March 8, 1955, that the Foundation for Promoting Enduring Peace has been a one-man organization organized and operated by JEROME D. DAVIS from his home, 489 Ocean Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut, from 1950 until the early part of 1955, which has as its primary object the distribution of pamphlets and other literature favorable to Russia and in opposition to the U. S. foreign policy.

[redacted] has identified JEROME DAVIS as a concealed member of the Communist Party. b7D

SJS:rz
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